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Cal Poly ASI Students Present Senator Bruce McPherson with First 'Legislator of the Year' Award

San Luis Obispo - Cal Poly students presented State Senator Bruce McPherson (R-Santa Cruz), a Cal Poly alumnus, with the first-ever ASI "Legislator of the Year" award on March 4 at the Capitol.

McPherson is the first recipient of the annual award and was chosen for his dedication and service to the students of Cal Poly, said Veronica Shippy, vice president of state affairs, Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. (ASI).

"McPherson is one of our leaders who's really working to bridge the gap between the state legislature and students at Cal Poly, and around the California State and UC system," she added.

McPherson has worked on a number of issues important to students and higher education in California, including sponsoring SCR 49, a resolution against raising state fees at both the CSU- and UC-system level.

McPherson has also spent significant time with Cal Poly students working to better their educational experience. He's visited Cal Poly a number of times this academic year, including as keynote speaker at Cal Poly's Centennial Celebration. McPherson also makes himself available in Sacramento to Cal Poly students at a moment's notice

"McPherson has always been honest and forthright with us about our issues and the impact the state legislature is going to have on our lives," Shippy said. "His empathy for both students and the rigors of higher education have allowed him to better understand and advocate on behalf of the needs Cal Poly, the CSU, and all college students in the state of California."

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